

Proposal 1: Amendments to the Statement of Purpose

When the new Statement of Purpose was adopted at the May 2021 CC meeting, there were 3 proposed amendments to the statement:

1. add “militarized border” to law enforcement
2. add something about what NWTRCC does to help educate people about the role we all play in paying for war through our tax contributions (2 options below)
3. add something that we are part of nature, not just in harmony with nature.

To save time, the decision was made to adopt the statement as proposed and reintroduce the amendments at the November 2021 CC meeting.

Below is the current statement with the proposed amendments (or additions) color-coded to the proposed amendments above.

NWTRCC Statement of Purpose

The National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC) is a coalition of groups and individuals across the U.S. working to maintain and build a national movement of resisters to military taxes. **We seek to raise awareness of the role each person’s tax dollars play in perpetuating wars, covert and overt, around the world.** NWTRCC opposes militarism and war; we refuse to be complicit in paying taxes for such violence. **We call on each person to examine their values and beliefs and join us in this resistance.**

War tax resistance methods include refusing to pay federal income taxes, redirecting tax money to community needs, supporting peace tax fund legislation, and living in ways that eliminate tax liability.

We acknowledge the deep links between militarism and the social ills of poverty, racism, sexism, xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, economic exploitation, environmental destruction, militarized law enforcement, **and militarized borders.** We believe war tax resistance can help build a world of justice, community, harmony with nature, and peace. We seek collaboration with others working for a non-militarized society. **We believe war tax resistance can help us build a just, peaceful, sustainable world.**